Washington, D.C. – Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) released the following statement today:

"For all that we've been hearing about this catastrophe, seeing it firsthand drives home how much we need to be doing to prevent this from happening again. We need to make sure that if something is billed as fail-safe then it actually is fail-safe. We also need to be actively pursuing alternative sources of clean energy, like the kind we can get from Georgia biomass. Above all, we need to figure out a way to make sure this kind of disaster doesn't happen again."

Congressman Barrow participated in a bipartisan CODEL trip to the Gulf Coast today. While in the region he received a briefing at the United Command Center in Robert, Louisiana and flew over part of the oil slick, marshland, and deployed boom.

Also on the trip were Congressmen Ed Markey (MA-7), Peter Welch (VT-AL), Charlie Melancon (LA-3), Joe Barton (TX-6), Michael Burgess (TX-26), and Steve Scalise (LA-1).

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